

## **MINUTES**

### **BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, August 8, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE McCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 401 N. MORTON, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**

#### **Roll Call**

Members Present: Darryl Neher, Susan Brackney, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton, Catherine Stafford, Toby Strout, John West  
Regrets: Bob Bent, Keith Clay, George Huntington, Cairril Mills, Dave Rollo,

Staff Present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development  
Mike Steinhoff, Intern, Office of the Mayor – BCOS

#### **Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

6:05 Meeting called to order by John Hamilton. The July Minutes are to be amended to reflect general content and actions taken by the Commission. Motion to approve by John West and seconded by Catherine Stafford. Minutes approved unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

Paul Schneller requests that additional publications should be undertaken for broader outreach. He suggested this task could be undertaken by the Education Committee, possibly utilizing Mylo Rose's position within CATS to do so.

#### **Announcements**

Linda Williamson will be stepping down from her position as director of the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. This will not affect the relationship between BCOS and the BEDC with regard to gathering data for the upcoming Sustainability Assessment Report.

#### **Guest: Kevin Robling, Corporation Counsel, City of Bloomington**

Kevin Robling addressed the Commission with regard to the proposed pipeline intended to draw water from Lake Monroe to service the Indianapolis area. The pipeline project was initiated by a firm named Aquavison as a solution to Central Indiana's raw water supply needs for the next 50 years. Lake Monroe is federally owned by the Army Corps of Engineers which partners with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for management of the lake. Bloomington currently has a contract to draw an average of 24 million gallons per day (MGD), although the actual average is 14 MGD. By 2030 the average consumption by Bloomington is expected to be 19.6 MGD with some peak days being as much as 32 MGD. While this is fine contractually, this amount does exceed the pumping capacity of City of Bloomington Utilities. Several questions remain as to the real capacity of Lake Monroe and what the impact of I-69 might be, which is not reflected in the projected consumption. One promising solution would be to increase Bloomington's contractual water allocation such that the remaining capacity of the lake would be so small as to make the pipeline financially unfeasible.

### **Staff Report**

An inquiry to Melissa Kreigerfox of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District (MCSWMD) from the City's Team Green about developing a more comprehensive recycling program in addition to inquiries from others interested groups led to a meeting between members of the MCSWMD Citizens Advisory Committee, IDEM's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance, Hoosier Disposal, and City of Bloomington representatives Larry Bailey of the Sanitation Department and Mayor's Office Staff Danise Alano and Mike Steinhoff. The group intends to move forward with increasing recycling participation rates particularly from businesses and apartment complexes.

While attending a presentation by the K300 statistics class on their help with the indicators project, Staff met with Nicole Schoneman who is IU's Director of Community Outreach and Service Learning. Nicole would be able to help facilitate future partnerships for data collection and analysis that the Commission undertakes.

Danise Alano reminded the Commission that funding requests (as well as research for outside sources of funding) can be pursued when the Commission priorities and projects are identified.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Initiatives**

John West moved that the Initiatives Committee pursue the four categories a) Team Green, b) Monroe County Community School Corporation, c) Chamber of Commerce, and d) BCOS Events as a framework to discuss which initiatives are feasible in order to move forward effectively with proposals submitted. Motion seconded by Darryl Neher. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Indicators**

Susan Brackney and Mike Steinhoff presented a proposed outline for the basic structure of the Sustainability Assessment Report (SAR) and showed examples from other communities, and highlighted preferred characteristics of those examples. Commissioners are encouraged to view the listed reports, and return comments and suggestions by September 5<sup>th</sup> so that the final structure of the SAR can be voted on during the next BCOS meeting.

#### **Education**

Energy Forums dates have been changed to September 26<sup>th</sup> (Energy Efficiency) and October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Renewable Energy Sources), still to begin at 6:30 pm, held in the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm